

**AMENDMENTS TO THE ABSTRACT:**

Please replace the abstract with the following new abstract:

--A nitride glass with the general formula  $\alpha_x\beta_y\gamma_z$  is provided wherein  $\alpha$  is a glass modifier comprising at least one electropositive element.  $\beta$  comprises Si, B, Ge, Ga and/or Al.  $\gamma$  is N or N together with O, whereby the atomic ratio of O:N is in the interval from 65:35 to 0:100.--